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1. HERewith FULL TEXT JUNE GOODWIN PAGE FOUR BYLINER, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, FRIDAY, APRIL 30, HEADED "BEHIND KISSINGER'S OFFER TO MEDIATE IN RHODESIA (U.S., ESPOUSER OF EQUALITY, CAN BE IMPARTIAL THIRD PARTY; DIFFICULT FOR SMITH GOVERNMENT TO TURN IT DOWN)"
2. SINCE BRITAIN ALREADY HAS REFUSED TO MEDIATE BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK IN RHODESIA, WHY DOES DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER THINK THE UNITED STATES CAN DO THE JOB?
3. HIS OFFER TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE INTENT OF MOVING THE MINORITY WHITE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT MAJORITY RULE IN TWO YEARS WAS VOICED IN ZAIRE, THE FOURTH COUNTRY ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S 14-DAY TOUR.
4. TWO FACTORS SUPPORT HIS OFFER. FIRST, IT WOULD LOOK UNCLASSIFIED

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BAD INTERNATIONALLY FOR THE WHITES IN RHODESIA TO REFUSE

OUTRIGHT, ESPECIALLY AFTER PRESIDENT FORD HAS INSISTED
THE U.S. WILL NOT PROVIDE MILITARY AID TO BLACK NATIONALISTS

5. RHODESIA MAY ACCEPT THE KISSINGER OFFER WITH THE IDEA

OF BUYING MORE TIME, CRITICS SAY. OR, THEY COULD REFUSE
NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS BRITAIN ENTERS IN.

6. ONCE BEFORE THE RHODESIANS TRIED TO INVOLVE BRITAIN IN
THEIR INTERNAL PROBLEMS, BUT LONDON SPIED THE TRAP--IF THE
BRITISH PARTICIPATED AND SHOOTING BEGAN, THEY MIGHT FEEL
IMPELLED TO TAKE UP ARMS TO DEFEND THEIR "KITH AND KIN."

7. THAT BRINGS UP THE SECOND FACTOR IN FAVOR OF DR. KIS-
SINGER'S OFFER, OBSERVERS HERE SAY. AMERICANS ARE NOT
REALLY "KITH AND KIN" OF THE 273,000 WHITES IN RHODESIA.
THEY MAY HAVE LANGUAGE AND SKIN IN COMMON BUT NOT ACTUALLY
RELATIVES AS WITH SO MANY BRITONS.

8. ALSO IN AN AMERICAN ELECTION YEAR IT IS REMEMBERED THAT
27.7 MILLION AMERICANS OUT OF 211 MILLION ARE BLACK AND ARE
INCREASINGLY CONSCIOUS, BECAUSE OF ANGOLA, OF WHAT IS GOING
ON IN AFRICA. LIKEWISE, A BICENTENNIAL YEAR IS A PROPITIOUS
TIME TO BE SEEN ESPOUSING EQUALITY.

9. IN KINSHASA, THE CAPITAL OF ZAIRE, DR. KISSINGER SAID HE
DID NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF ROLE THE U.S. COULD PLAY IN
NEGOTIATIONS. AND HE ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT TELL UNTIL
SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA RESPONDED TO THE POLICY SPEECH HE
GAVE IN ZAMBIA ON MONDAY IN SUPPORT OF MAJORITY RULE.

10. BLACK RESPONSE TO THE MEDIATION OFFER APPEARS TO BE
TACITLY GIVEN AND ACCEPTED: THE NATIONALISTS WOULD NEGO-
TIATE IF QUICK MAJORITY RULE IS THE OBJECT.

11. THE BADLY SPLINTERED RHODESIAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENT
COULD BE ENORMOUSLY AFFECTED BY DR. KISSINGER'S TRIP.

12. REPORTS CARRIED IN THE KENYAN PRESS FROM LONDON SUGGEST
THAT JOSHUA NKOMO COULD BE EMERGING AS OVERALL LEADER OF THE
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AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, EDGING OUT BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA
AND THE REV. NDABANINGI SITHOLE. AFRICAN SOURCES, ACCORDING
TO THESE REPORTS, SAY THAT MR. NKOMO'S MAIN CRITIC, TAN-
ZANIA'S PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE, WAS WON OVER TO MR.
NKOMO'S SIDE IN A RECENT MEETING.

13. IF THE BLACKS CAN MANAGE TO GET UNIFIED, THE WHITES IN
RHODESIA MIGHT THINK TWICE ABOUT REFUSING DR. KISSINGER'S

OFFER FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

14. BUT IF THERE IS A LOT OF HEMMING AND HAWING FROM THE
WHITES, THE NATIONALISTS ARE LIKELY TO BECOME DISENCHANTED
WITH THE AMERICAN EFFORT AND TURN BACK TO ANSWER WITH THEIR
GUNS. (END TEXT.) SISCO

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